(Concluded.) CHAPTER X. "Am I not unworthy of you

sked, when it was over, is present his hand in allence.
'I should be the most ungratuful think of you, and you only, now that of her success to marry an old man."

my confession is made. We will leave

"Will you come with me to n Munich to morrow, and, if resolution can help me. I will only remember the sweeter moman my eyes ever look.

It was the copy of her husband's will she handed him. She hid her face on his breast, and

reminded him of that letter which had a "the carrie of their lives."

"h...en I thought you might meet the happy woman in my lifetime, I said to you, "Tell me of it, and I promise to tell her that she has only to wait."

Time must pass, Ernest, before it can be needful to perform my promise. But you might let me see her. If you find her in the gallery to-morrow, you might bring her here."

dead husband speak for me. "The lines ran thus:

"My motive in marrying Miss Max must be stated in this place, in justice to her—and, I will veuture to add, in justice to myself. I felt the sincerest sympathy for her position. She was without father, mother or friends; one of the poor forsaken children, whom the mercy of the Foundling Hospital provides with a home. Her after-life on the stage was the life of a virtuous woman; persecuted by profligates; in-

know how to gant it.

"You tell me she is a copyist of pictures," his wife reminded him. "She will be interested in hearing of the portfolio of drawings by the great French artists which I bought for you in Paris. Ask her to come and see them and to tell you if she can make some copies; and say, if you like, that

She rose abruptly from the sofa, kiss- was already acquainted.

ed him on the forehead, and said, Before he could move or speak, she

CHAXTER XI. door of his wife's room and asked how given to a man. Don't despise me, my she had passed the night.

"I have slept badly," she answered, "and I must beg you to excuse my abme. I had acted in a play in which

to withdraw. "Remember," she said, " when you return from the gallery to-day, I expect as rejoicing in the success of her disthat you will not return alone.

lowances for her being a little out of ness against me! I can't bear even to temper at the alight that had been put on her, but he was inexpressibly disconcerted by the manner-almost the coarse manner-in which she expressed | take out the copy of the will also con-

maid while you have been away," she moment attracted her notice. She said. "I find you have married an old snatched it up, and turned to the Srelady for her money. She is jealous of place. me of course."

"Let me beg you to alter your opinion," he answered. "You are wronging my wife; she is incapable of any such feeling as you attribute to her." The young lady laughed.

"At any rate you are a good husband," she said, satirically. "Suppose you own the truth. Wouldn't you ilke her better if she was young and pretty like me?"

He was not merely surprised—he was disgusted. Her beauty had so completely fascin-

ated him when he first saw her that JUST RECEIVED DIRECT the idea of associating any want of refinement and good breeding with such a charming creature never entered his The disenchantment of him was al.

disagreeably affected by the tone of her voice; it was almost as repellent to him as the exhibition of unrestrained bad temper which she seemed perfectly careless to conceal. "I confess you surprise me, " he re

plied, coldly.

The reply produced no effect on her On the contrary, she became more insolent than ever.

"I have a fertile fancy," she went on, " and your absurd way of taking a joke only encourages me. Suppose you could transform this sour old wife of yours, who has insulted me, into the sweetest young creature that ever lived, by only holding up your finger, wouldn't you do it?'

This passed the limits of his endur-"I have no wish," said he. "to forget the consideration which is due to a woman. I have but one alternative. I

She ran to the door as he spoke, and placed herself in the way of his going out. He signed to her to let him pass. She suddently threw her arms round his neck, kissed him passionately, and must leave the room."

whispered, with her lips at his ear : "Oh, Ernest, forgive me! Could I have asked you to marry me for my TEACHER WANTED. money if I had not taken refuge in a disguise?"

CHAPTER XII. When he had sufficiently recovered to think, he put her back from him. "Is there an end of the deception now?" he asked sternly. "Am I to trust you in your new character?" "You are not to be harder on me than]

I deserve, she answered gently. "D.d w you ever hear of an actress named Miss of

"Forgive me if I spoke harshly," he "Forgive me if I spoke harshly," he said. "You have put me to a severe Teacher Wanted.

From that moment she had won her pardon. He took her hand, and made CHATHAM, April 2nd, 1884. "Yes," he said, "I have heard of Miss FOR SALE AT THIS OF ALL KINDS her sit by him.

Max, and of her wonderful powers of personation-and I have always regretted not having seen her while she was on the stage." "Did you here anything more of her,

Ernest?" "Yes, I heard that she was a pattern of modesty and good conduct, and that wretch living" he said, " if I did not she gave up her profession at the height "Will you come with me to my 100 bbls No. 1 Caraquet Herrings, room?" she asked. "I have some-

It was the copy of her husband's will " Read the lines, Ernest, which be

She and her tage on his breast, and gin at the top of the page. Let my dead husband speak for me. "

Mrs. Lismore's request met with no refusal. Ernest was only at a loss to know how the second of the baser creatures associated with her, to whom she was

some copies; and say, if you like, that is a self-begind to be come acquainted with her."

He felt her breath beating fast on his bosom. In the fear that she might lose all control over herself, he tried to relieve her by speaking lightly.

"What as inspect for a man who is worthy of her—and that, as wife and mother, she will set an example of inestimable value in the social sphere which she occurred to the second control over herself, he tried to relieve her by speaking lightly. "What an invention yours is !" he said." "If my wife ever tries to decive me, I shall be a mere child in her clause that follows."

With the clause that followed, Ernest

"Will you now believe that I never loved till I saw your face for the first time?" said his wife. "I had no experience to place me on my guard against the fascination—the madness some people might call it-which pos-The next morning he knocked at the sesses a woman when all her heart is you from disgrace and ruin. Besides. She called him back as he was about the heroine did—what I have done!

It didn't end with me, as it did with her in the story. She was represented guise. I have known some miserable kours of doubt and shame since our because I could no longer carry on the

The sitting room was empty when disguise. I was able to get hours of they entered it. He rang for his wife's rest from the effort ; not only at night maid, and was informed that Mrs. Lis- but in the daytime, when I was shut more had gone out. Refusing to be- up in my retirement in the music-room; lieve the woman, he went to his wife's and when my maid kept watch against apartments. She was not to be found. discovery. No, my love ! I hurried or When he returned to the sitting the disclosure, because I could no longroom, the young lady was not unna- er endure the hateful triumph of my turally offended. He could make al- own deception. Ah, look at that wit-

She abruptly left him. The drawer that she had opened to tained the false gray hair which she "I have been talking to your wife's had lately discarded. It had only that

"Give it to me, " he said. ". Why ?"

He drew her gently to his bosom, and answered : "I must not forget my old wife." THE END.

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